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## AUSTRIAN SAVED FROM SEIZURE BY RUSSIANS

Vienna, Aug. 22.—Unarmed British police formed a cordon round a Soviet jeep to prevent armed Russian soldiers from carrying off an Austrian civilian here this afternoon, the British police stated.

British soldiers, fully armed, were later brought to a neighbouring barracks to protect Russian officers threatened by a crowd of Austrians, British sources added.

According to the British police report, the armed uniformed Russians, including a Colonel, who were riding in the jeep, stopped on the Philadelphia Bridge, in the British sector, to ask the way.

The Austrian civilian then jumped through a window of the vehicle screaming, "I am being kidnapped!"

When he tried to escape the Russians chased him and struck him on the head with a gun, the report said.

An Austrian driver, seeing the incident, drove his truck across the road to stop the jeep. A crowd of Austrians gathered.

### AUSTRIANS GATHER

ed, shouting abuse and throwing stones at the Russians.

Twenty unarmed British military police, returning from a route march, formed a cordon round the jeep.

They prevented the crowd from attacking the Russians and rescued the civilian, Dr. Karl Sondermann, who is suffering from severe head wounds.

The party leader said they already were collecting arms to resist arrest by Russian forces in Eastern Germany if necessary.

The spokesman and co-leader, 41-year-old Karl Henz, Scholz, claimed his Freedom Communist party (FKP) has a growing membership of 4,000 in the Soviet sector of Berlin and 600 in the Western sectors.

Scholz said a well-organized underground operation is spying on the Russians and smuggling weapons for the party.

Scholz, a wartime anti-Nazi underground fighter who had been imprisoned for four years as a Reichstag fire suspect in 1930, lives in the French sector behind steel doors and windows, which make a fortress of his third floor flat.

The Soviet sector authorities have outlawed him and put a price of 10,000 marks on his head. By profession he is an engineer.—Associated Press.

## Business Women's Congress

London, Aug. 22.—A thousand delegates are expected here from all parts of the world to attend the fifth congress of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women in August, 1950.—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### Entertaining The Forces

MR Benson's report on the activities of the Forces' Civilian Entertainment and Welfare Committee in the first month since it was constituted provides interesting reading for Hongkong people anxious to know what is being done to provide the men and women of our steadily increasing garrison with some pleasure and relaxation during their off-duty hours. The information conveyed shows that an excellent start has been made. The difficulties to be encountered during the spade work stage of organising such activities must be enormous; the result to date is gratifying, the general impression following a study of the report being that Mr Benson and his co-workers have applied themselves to their task with commendable speed and energy. The ready co-operation which the Committee has met with from both clubs and individuals speaks well for the spirit and goodwill of the civilian community. "The response has been magnificent from all sections of the community," says the Committee. We, for ourselves, never doubted that Hongkong would play the game; it only remained for someone to start the ball rolling. Already the contacts established between civilians and Service personnel through various sporting and social events have sown the seeds of good fellowship and understanding, and as more opportunity is provided for our population in uniform and ordinary residents to get to know each other, so should relations improve as the formerly

clear-cut distinction between the two groups is removed. It is to give civilians an opportunity to meet the Services and to provide the men with somewhere to go when they come into town after duty that the Committee is planning to open two clubs, one on each side of the harbour. This is an excellent idea. The success of the Cheero Club in the old days shows what can be achieved locally. That these club centres are popular with the Services was well borne out in various theatres during the last war. One of the greatest needs which these clubs can meet is the provision of wholesome meals, snacks and drinks at prices which bear some relation to the income of the Forces. Such facilities as are available today are totally inadequate to meet the demand, and many a soldier spending a half day or an evening in town has been forced to pay high restaurant charges, or go hungry or thirsty. And the demand will certainly increase, as the garrison numbers, already in excess of the non-Chinese population, are multiplied further. An innovation which it might be found possible to adopt for these clubs is the serving of simple Chinese dishes which, without the trimmings, could be prepared at no great cost. The opening of these clubs by the Civilian Committee, together with others by NAAFI, adding to centres at present in operation, will go a long way to make off-duty life in town more congenial and enjoyable for a large number of lads.

## Mounting Russian Campaign To Oust Tito Regime

### EXPECTED TO EMPLOY ALL METHODS SHORT OF WAR

London, Aug. 22.—British diplomatic quarters said tonight that they expected Russia to employ all methods short of war in its mounting campaign to stamp out Marshal Tito's regime in Yugoslavia. They said there was no indication Russia would march into Yugoslavia, but it undoubtedly would intensify its war of nerves in an attempt to spur anti-Tito feelings within the country.

## GERMAN ANTI-SOVIET FACTION

Berlin, Aug. 22.—A German Communist faction formed a new party today and quickly allied itself with Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito "to fight the Imperialist Bolshevik" of Russia.

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The Cominform countries have all but completely chopped off trade with the Yugoslavs, but still maintain diplomatic relations. Severance of these relations is seen as a possible new move in the anti-Tito campaign.

Top Balkan experts of the British Government are studying these factors in the Russo-Yugoslav situation. Competent observers said they believed the Kremlin campaign against Yugoslavia was designed to encourage Cominform supporters within the country.—United Press.

**MOSCOW DEMAND**

Belgrade, Aug. 22.—Moscow today published a demand for Marshal Tito's death as the Russo-Yugoslav rift steadily widened. The press of the two countries traded blows after the two governments exchanged bluntly worded notes over the week-end.

The Soviet note, delivered on Saturday, threatened "effective measures" to protect Soviet citizens in Yugoslavia. The Yugoslav note, published yesterday, accused the Russians of double-crossing Tito in his dispute with Austria.

The Moscow newspaper Pravda, organ of the Russian Communist Party, published a demand for Tito's execution in a three-column article signed by Bogdan Spasich, secretary of the Albanian Communist Party.

The article reviewed the trial and execution of a band of "traitors, headed by Koci Dzedze," identified as Tito agents, in Albania. It concluded:

"However much the nationalist band of Tito, Rankovich and Djilas rage and storm in Belgrade, whatever, satanic methods they employ, they, like Dzedze, sooner or later must stand trial before the people and pay with heads for crimes committed against the camp of Socialism and proletarian internationalism."

Tito is Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, Edward Kardelj Vice Premier and Foreign Minister, General Alexander Rankovich Vice Premier and Interior Minister and Milovan Djilas Minister without Portfolio.

After a week-end of alarm over a possible Soviet "invasion," most observers concluded today that the harsh Soviet note to Yugoslavia was aimed at discouraging Western economic and financial aid to the Yugoslavs. Informants said Moscow would like to treat the impression that the Tito government was a poor risk.

The Soviet note of August 18 promised "more effective measures" to oust Tito unless he stopped "terrorising" Soviet citizens, and many Western observers along with Yugoslavs saw the threat of invasion.

But today, most responsible Western sources here believed the note was "outright propaganda," aimed as much at the West as at Yugoslavia.—United Press.

**GREEN LIGHT**

London, Aug. 22.—Observers believed today that Moscow's latest note to Yugoslavia was the green light for a new Cominform bid to overthrow Marshal Tito by joint appeals to "loyal" Yugoslav Communists to oust their leader.

The real threats to Tito's rule are assassination or an effective fifth column inside his Communist party, leading to guerrilla uprisings in dissatisfied Macedonia, or backward Muslim state of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

It was noted how in the latest Soviet note the Kremlin completely isolated itself with the Cominform, ostensibly an independent eight-nation Communist body.

In Bucharest yesterday, headquarters of the Cominform, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, Anna Pauker, was quoted by a newspaper as saying: "The day is not far off when the Tito bandits will render account to the people of Yugoslavia. The Tito bandits will not do business much longer unpunished."

**REPORT TO LONDON**

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Sir Charles Peake, British Ambassador in Belgrade, called on the Yugoslav Assistant Foreign Minister yesterday in connection with the Soviet note to Yugoslavia on the alleged ill-treatment of Soviet citizens.

Asked if such a visit was not abnormal, the spokesman replied that there was "nothing unusual" in it. A report from Sir Charles Peake had been received in London, he added.

Commenting on the series of notes which have passed between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, this summer, the spokesman said that they showed a tone "not to be found in exchanges between the Western powers. That has been true for some time."—Reuter.

**WORLD BANK LOAN**

Paris, Aug. 22.—President Eugene Black said on Monday that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Continued on Page 5)

## PRINCE STAYS UP LATE



## Good Prospects For Settlement Over Indonesia

London, Aug. 22.—Asian nationalists, European and American political leaders and some of the world's most powerful commercial interests are looking to The Hague tonight, cautiously hopeful that a new postwar era of East-West co-operation is at last beginning in strategically important Indonesia.

It is the eve of the opening of a round-table conference between the Dutch and two groups of Indonesians, which is expected by observers to decide the last of the long-disputed details of the Netherlands Indonesian co-operation plan—and build a Southeast Asian bulwark against further Communist penetration.

The plan—outlined in the Lingardjati agreement signed in March, 1947—provides for the formation of a sovereign United States of Indonesia linked in union under the Dutch Crown with the Netherlands Kingdom.

The agreement, it was thought, would end the fighting between Dutch and Indonesian Republicans that flared up after the Republicans proclaimed independence from the Dutch when the Japanese capitulated.

**PROSPECTS GOOD**

All reports reaching London today suggest that prospects for a final settlement at The Hague conference are better than at any previous stage.

One Republican in London said his optimism was based largely on what he believed was a changed attitude among Dutch political parties, as reflected in last week's debate on Indonesia in the Dutch Parliament.

"Never before have we seen so certain a Parliamentary majority supporting 'Dutch Government policy trends,'" he said.

Dutch sources thought that there was a greater realism among Republicans that Indonesia's future depended on co-operation with the Dutch.

**TRADE AND FINANCE**

Observers expected the Indonesian Republicans from Java and the Federalists from the other islands to ask the Dutch to set up a three-man directorate to select a caretaker government that will take over Indonesian sovereignty from the Netherlands next year.

Dutch commercial interests are believed to be concerned with the plans for continued Dutch economic co-operation in Indonesia and for the implementation of joint overseas trade and finance policies that must be outlined in the Statute of the Indonesian-Dutch union.

American and other plantation owners may also be affected.—Reuter.

At 6.15 p.m.—after his usual bedtime—nine-month-old Prince Charles arrived at Euston to travel to Ballater, Scotland. This exclusive picture shows him wide awake in his nurse's arms. His mother, Princess Elizabeth, followed half an hour later with the King and Queen and Princess Margaret. At seven o'clock, the royal train left. And the little Prince was fast asleep.

(London Express Service)

## MacDonald's Trip Breeds Speculation

London, Aug. 22.—The impending visit to Japan of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General in Southeast Asia, was today termed by a Foreign Office spokesman as a "courtesy visit without any fixed agenda."

Press comments earlier predicted that far-reaching effects in the Far East would result from Mr. MacDonald's talks with General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan.

The Daily Telegraph today claimed that with the rise of Asiatic Communism, the need for Anglo-American co-operation in the Far East had been recognised, and forthcoming talks were likely to help considerably in forming joint policy.

### FOUR POINTS

The Telegraph listed four major points of discussion: 1. Trade between Japan and the sterling area; 2. Measures against Communism in the Far East; 3. The controversial issue of Japanese emigration; 4. America's attitude in the event of a Communist attack on Hongkong.

The Foreign Office spokesman said the existence of a specified agenda during the visit of Commissioner-General MacDonald, and emphasised that any of the above issues would have to be discussed through diplomatic channels.—United Press.

## Violent Quake In Canada

Seattle, Aug. 22.—A violent earthquake shook the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia on Sunday night, but residents reported only minor damage today.

Scientists said the shocks were 10 times as severe as the recent earthquake which hit Ecuador. The shocks were felt as far north as Ketchikan, Alaska.

Scientists at the California Institute of Technology reported that the earthquake was one of the severest recorded on the local seismograph. The shock was recorded as of magnitude eight, compared with the recent Ecuador quake of magnitude seven.—United Press.

### NIGHT OF ALARM

Vancouver, August 22.—Damage was reported at length in British Columbia today following an earthquake which shook homes and broke windows in the early hours.

A series of shocks rumbled from end to end of the province at 2.15 a.m. EDT. Homes shook on their foundations; glass from hundreds of broken windows crashed on to streets and startled residents rushed out into the open in their night attire. Many sat up for hours after the first shocks waiting in case of heavier tremors. No casualties were reported.—United Press.

## GAOLING OF CHINESE SEAMEN: PROTEST

Sydney, Aug. 22.—Mr. S. Y. Woo, Chinese Consul-General here, said tonight that he had protested to the Australian Immigration Department against the detention in gaol of 11 Chinese seamen who are awaiting deportation under the War-time Refugees Removal Act.

This Act makes aliens who entered Australia during the war liable to deportation.

Mr Woo said that the Immigration authorities had told him the seamen would have to remain in gaol until the steamer Taping sails to China in about three weeks' time.

Chinese business men had tried to bail the seamen out, Mr Woo added, but bail was refused.

Immigration officers in Sydney were last week reported to have raided Chinese cafes and made arrests as a first big move to carry out the provisions of the Refugees Removal Act, which was passed recently by the Federal Parliament.—Reuter.

### TO CHALLENGE ACT

Sydney, Aug. 22.—Former Chinese seamen threatened with deportation under the wartime refugees removal act, said on Monday they proposed to challenge the validity of the act in the high court.

The Secretary of the Chinese Seamen's Union, A. Lock, said Sydney businessmen are organising a fund to pay the Chinese seamen's legal costs.

Lock said the "War-time Refugees Removal Act is designed to continue the wrong-doing of Arthur Calwell, Minister of Immigration, disclosed by the O'Keefe judgment and is intended in practice to remove coloured people only. It is definitely racial discrimination."

"Our men did not come to Australia as refugees nor enter illegally," Lock said. "They served with the Allied Merchant Navy and were legally discharged in Australia, the same as other Allied servicemen."—Associated Press.

## Sir Harry Lauder Seriously Ill

Glasgow, Aug. 22.—Sir Harry Lauder, 70-year-old Scots comedian, was today lying seriously ill at his home, Lauder Hall, near Strathaven, Lanarkshire. His condition was described as "critical."—Reuter.



"I enjoy them  
best of all!"

"Everything's been  
perfect today! Even  
the cigarettes have  
been an adventure  
in luxury."

"Oh, I knew  
you'd like du  
Maurier; they are  
made for just such  
particular people  
as you."

"You know, I've never tasted any  
cigarette so cool and smooth."

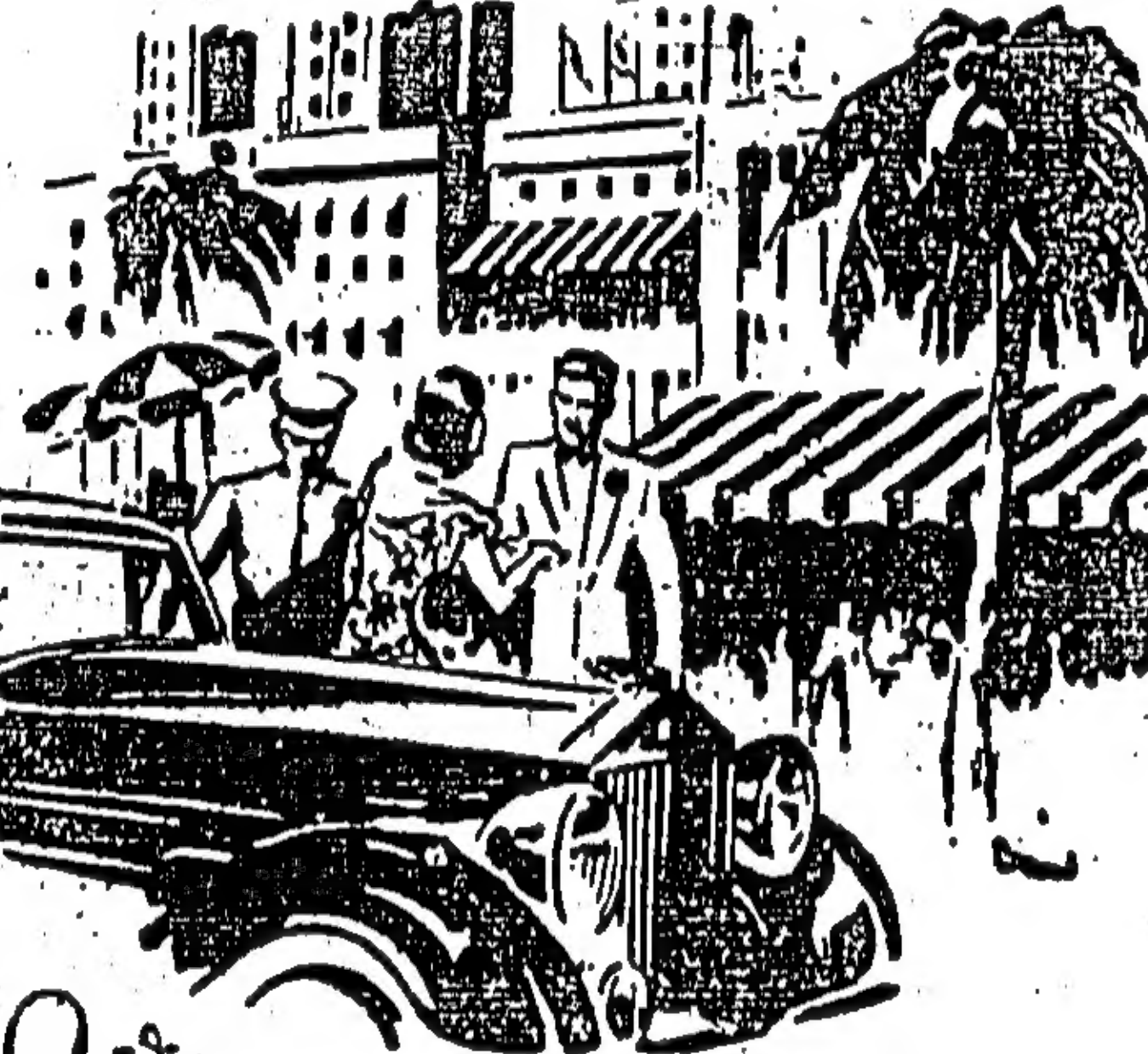
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satisfying flavour of  
really choice Virginia  
that appeals to me."

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Morning Post Building.

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# WOMANSENSE

**Robb's  
London**

A MILLIONAIRESS  
AND A FILM STAR  
EACH GET A NEW  
SUMMER DRESS



ON the opening  
day of the London  
Fashion Show  
held recently, the  
smartest spectator  
was American mil-  
lionaire Mrs Cor-  
nellius Vanderbilt.  
To watch the  
show of 30 models by Norman  
Hartnell, she wore a cinnamon  
silk suit with black accessories,  
tied a brown chiffon scarf at  
her neck.

With her, preparing to be an  
exquisitely dressed lady, was  
her small daughter in pink-and-  
white cotton.

Facing her: a model girl  
wearing the most fabulous

dress in the collection—a crin-  
oline of white filled net—which  
Mrs Vanderbilt bought to take  
back to America.

Named "Rainbow," the dress  
is covered, on the bodice and  
hem, with bands of crystals and

paillettes in colours which are  
pale reflections of a rainbow.

At a sports field just outside  
the fringe of London, film-  
star Anna Neagle and her  
husband, Herbert Wilcox, drove  
on to the ground in an open  
landau drawn by two greys.  
Anna Neagle's dress for the  
personal appearance was dove-  
grey, eyelet-embroidered cotton.  
The frock had a shawl collar  
all the shoulders which crossed  
over at the waist. Hat, shoes,  
and bag were in pale grey to  
match her dress; her sash and  
the single rose on her hat were  
in eyelet pink.

This dress, a surprise present  
from her husband, was bought  
off the peg in New York for  
£10—one-twentieth the price  
of the frock above.

(London Express Service)

**Keeping The  
Sparkle In  
Glassware**

By ELEANOR ROSS

HOW to take care of a set of  
beautiful glass rimmed  
glasses and some good rimmed  
glass dishes, articles that lose  
their attractive appearance if  
even a little of the gold is off?  
That's the question. Really good  
gold should last a lifetime, and  
with just a little general care,  
they will.

To keep such articles on the  
gold-rim standard, never, never  
use a sharp tool, such as a knife  
to scrape off food. Use a rubber  
eraser, soft paper or a  
bread crust. For washing, use  
only mild soap, one without  
alkali. Strong soaps and wash-  
ing powders will soon remove  
the gold.

**New Glassware**  
With much new glassware on  
the market, and the return to  
favour of old pieces such as  
pitchers, flower containers,  
carrages, etc., how about keeping  
the pieces bright and clean? To  
wash glassware use clean, fresh  
water, comfortably warm to the  
hand, and a few drops of am-  
monia, or one of the new deter-  
gents that leave china and glass  
gleaming without even rinsing.

Bottles, jars or vases are most  
easily cleaned with a flexible  
hair bottle brush, long and nar-  
row enough for every depth.  
Or put in wads of soft paper  
and then sprinkle in teaspoon  
soap powder or detergent and  
just moisten powder and paper.  
Shake about and on and down  
and then add a little more water,  
and wash. Empty out the paper  
and soapy water and rinse. The  
glass should be sparkling clean.

Cut glass, so much in style  
again, is washed with warm  
water and ammonia. A soft  
brush will take care of the crevices.  
This glass has many  
cut edges or facets, so that great  
care is necessary to prevent  
chipping, which can happen  
easily during the washing and  
drying. Put only one piece  
at a time into the dishpan and  
place a folded towel at the bot-  
tom of the pan. Be careful to  
avoid striking the glass against  
the side of the pan. Drain on a  
clean towel. Sometimes very  
fine cut glass is dried on saw-  
dust, as real jewellery is.

**Teaching  
The Child  
To Be Neat**

By G. CLEVELAND MYERS,  
Ph.D.

BEING wet or dry, tidy or  
untidy means nothing to the  
youngster under two. He does  
not have a sanitary or artistic  
sense of culture and refinement  
which adults possess. Should  
this lack continue when the  
child is four, six or older the  
mother may be mortified with  
embarrassment, and her very  
emotions over the matter may  
prolong the problem indefinitely.  
Indeed, the mother's hamper-  
ing emotions are the biggest  
barriers to her success at train-  
ing the baby in this useful step  
in growing to be civilized. If  
only she could manage herself  
so as to face the problem ob-  
jectively it would be so much  
easier for her.

**No Response**

When the youngster does not  
respond well to her efforts to  
train him she feels frustrated,  
vexed at herself and him and  
these emotions of hers make  
him more resistant and less  
ready to co-operate.

The mere physical incon-  
venience and added work for  
the mother are annoying to her.  
But what upsets her most is  
what other people might think  
of her seeming failures. She  
hears other young mothers  
(some of them her old girl  
friends) bragging of how early  
and perfectly their babies have  
been trained. She doesn't know,  
perhaps, that these mothers get  
a sneaking satisfaction over her  
failures and by their bragging  
lord it over her. Then she has  
relatives and neighbours whose  
expressed or supposed disap-  
provals she greatly dreads.

And if this young mother  
succeeds well at training her  
baby for several months and  
then finds him reverting to his  
untrained ways she is sorely  
tried. She assumes, falsely,  
that if the youngster once has  
good toilet habits his backsliding  
can be nothing but disorderliness.  
So in her mind and heart she  
saddles all responsibility on him,  
grows less patient with him and  
more ready to scold and punish  
him for his "accidents," and to  
ask him mournfully, "Why  
didn't you tell Mother?"

Naturally and truly he never  
knows why, of course.

**Organic Or Emotional**

This child should be under the  
care of a physician and may  
need the attention of a  
specialist. If no organic cause  
is discovered—and it usually  
isn't—the mother needs to at-  
tack the problem as emotional.  
Most of which reside in herself.

Other children avoid this child  
and he doesn't know why. Even  
his teachers and parents may  
keep a distance from him. He  
feels rejected, has less self-  
regard. Poor suffering kid!

If this child is yours, work  
out a plan by which he can be  
helped to follow a posted  
schedule at going to the toilet.  
Hold him responsible for follow-  
ing this schedule literally. As-  
sume there will be no accidents  
by and by if the schedule is  
followed and made properly.  
In the meanwhile, not by what  
you say, but by the way you  
act, help make him to feel him-  
self a worthy and loved member  
of the family, and to win his  
wonderful place among his play-  
mates. In this direction all re-  
latives and other adults who  
know him can help. Win this  
help. Celebrate successes in  
this child.

Don't punish him for an  
"accident" but only if he does  
not obey the schedule. The  
punishment might be for him to  
have to sit in a chair without  
amusement for a definite period  
measured by the clock. Re-  
member, no arguments or  
jawing.

**CLOUDS AT THE TOP**



CARTWHEEL HAT of loosely plaited straw whose brim  
of veiling, gives a cloud effect.  
It is yet another varia-  
tion of the cool or lampshade style that has blossomed  
in this heatwave summer. This one is worn by a Greek  
violinist to London.

(London Express Service)

Beauty Care for Your Neck



Screen Star Martha Hyer believes in preventive rather than corrective  
beauty care. She creams her neck every night to keep it firm and lovely.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHEN her neck goes back on  
a woman and develops fiddle  
strings, she thinks it would be  
just dandy if she had a magic  
lamp that she could rub, wish  
for a nice young neck and get  
it right that minute. Of course,  
if she had been "beauty-wise"  
she would have staved off this  
good looks sorrow. Long before  
young women are edging along  
toward the thirtieth birthday,  
her neck should be given care-  
ful attention. Creaming and  
massaging, if made a nightly  
habit, will keep the skin  
smooth, fibres strong; unless one  
has the bad habit of keeping the  
chin lowered; that weakens the  
muscles, causes wrinkles to  
form.

Once the neck has gone a bit  
wrinkled, depleted, tissues must  
be revitalized, a task that seems  
impossible but isn't if the head  
is carried properly. The regal  
pose is what the beauty doctor  
orders. It not only keeps the  
neck in form, but  
it is a sort of insurance against  
the arrival of a spare chin.

Begin the creaming and  
massaging along the line of the  
collar bones. Do wide circles  
there with the finger tips, work-  
ing upward. Sweep up and  
down at the sides and back of  
the neck. While you are at it,  
give your shoulders a little at-  
tention. Wouldn't a bit of  
harm.

If the neck is of a darker  
shade than that of the com-  
plexion, which often happens to  
be the case, sponge it with a  
lotion made of equal parts of  
peroxide and strained lemon  
juice, a mild bleach that is  
effective and harmless.

To strengthen depleted  
muscles, clasp the hands at the  
back of the neck, lift the chin,  
throw the head back and use  
muscle pull. Keep your teeth  
clenched—tongues—and draw  
up the lower lip. Flexing and  
relaxing the fibres will cause  
the blood streams to become  
more active and they will bring  
nourishment to cells that need  
it.

In spare moments, when you  
think of it, lift the chin, turn  
the head from side to side.  
There will be a muscle response  
way down in the shoulders.

**Let's Eat**

BY  
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

**Cantaloupe Is In Season**

WHAT ever became of  
that old fashioned word  
"muskmelon"? someone asks.  
It's still with us under the  
fanciful word "cantaloupe."

Back on "the farm," musk-  
melon time was the peak of  
the season. We children would  
go out to the vines and pick  
the juicy melons, sweet as  
honey, the size of father's big  
coffee cup, warm from the sun  
and literally "musky" with  
fragrance. Right away they  
were halved, seeded (the seeds  
kept for planting next year);  
then we'd have melon for  
dessert. No chilling in the ice  
box. Old fashioned home-  
makers knew that melons lost  
their fine taste when chilled;  
besides, they'd "smell up" the  
ice box and flavour the pans  
of milk setting for cream.

Years later muskmelon filled  
with ice cream was introduced  
at church suppers, and called  
cantaloupe a la mode. This was  
done to make the ice cream go  
further. Nowadays it's a ques-  
tion which is the more expen-  
sive, the cantaloupe or the ice  
cream!

**Rich Musky Odour**

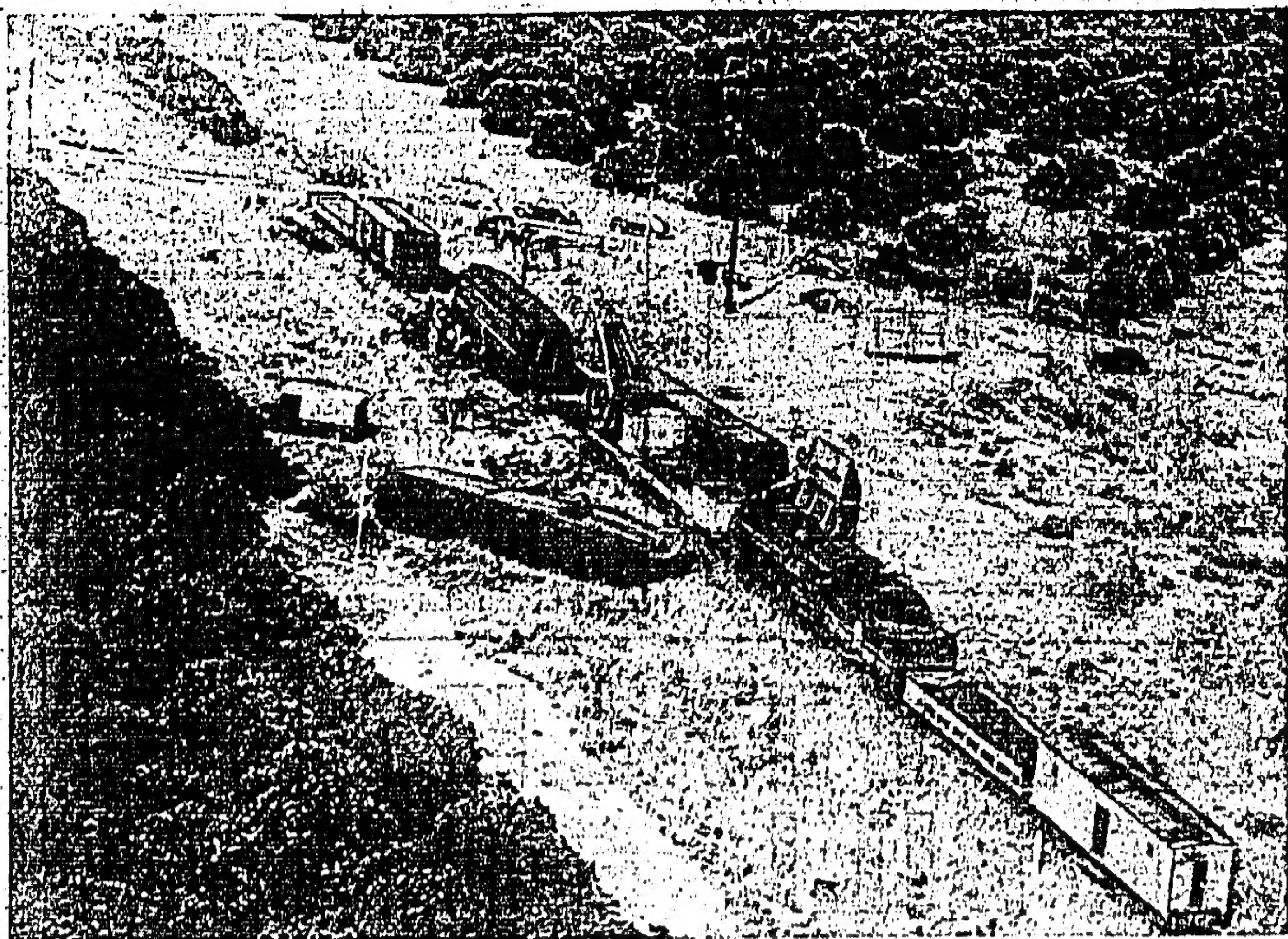
We used to tell when a can-  
taloupe was ripe, by the rich  
musky odour, present in can-  
taloupe warmed with the sun.  
But when it is sold chilled or  
from iced counters, as in many  
stores today, this test can't be  
used, for chilling diminishes the  
fragrance. So when buying a  
cantaloupe look for a smooth  
slightly sunken scar at the  
stem end, and a faint golden  
tinge under the webbing. And  
of course don't buy melons  
with bruises or soft spots. When  
cantaloupe is in season let's use  
and enjoy it often. The soft  
bulk is beneficial to the entire  
digestive system, and because  
it contains a high percentage of  
distilled water, it is a "natural  
refrigerant" or cooling food, but  
not if loaded with sugar. Nor  
is salt necessary to bring out  
the flavour. Rather serve can-  
taloupe with a wedge of lemon  
or lime to point up the natural  
flavour.

**Boiled Minute-Beef Steaks**  
Order "1½ lb. thin-sliced  
porterhouse, sirloin or tender-  
loin, steak, sliced very thin; or  
use cubed steaks. Blanch the flat  
edge of the steak in two or  
three places so it will lie flat.  
Place on the rack of a pre-  
heated broiler and broil about  
3" from the heat. Allow 5 min.  
for rare steak; 7 min. for  
medium-well done. Turn once  
as soon as browned. When  
done dust with salt and pepper,  
shell. That is, small can-  
taloupe are, cut in halves cross-  
wise. Long cantaloupe in quar-  
ters or eighths lengthwise, ac-  
cording to the size. In ana-  
hotele or restaurants a supply  
of galax leaves is always on  
hand, and one or two are put  
beneath the melon on the plate  
not stick.

**Trick Of The Chef**  
To "kitchen-marshmallows" easily,  
use kitchen scissors. Be sure to  
tip the blades in boiling water.  
Then the marshmallows will  
not stick.



## PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



**TRAIN COLLIDES WITH CAR**—This aerial view shows the train which struck a car at the intersection of U.S. Highway 17, near Haines City, Florida. Four persons, all passengers in the car, were killed and the train was considerably damaged.



**MILK DRINKER**—Lovely Joan Blondell proves to the photographer, in her dressing room in Ivoryton, Connecticut, that actresses like milk, too. At least, that's what she prefers after final curtain of the play in which she's appearing.



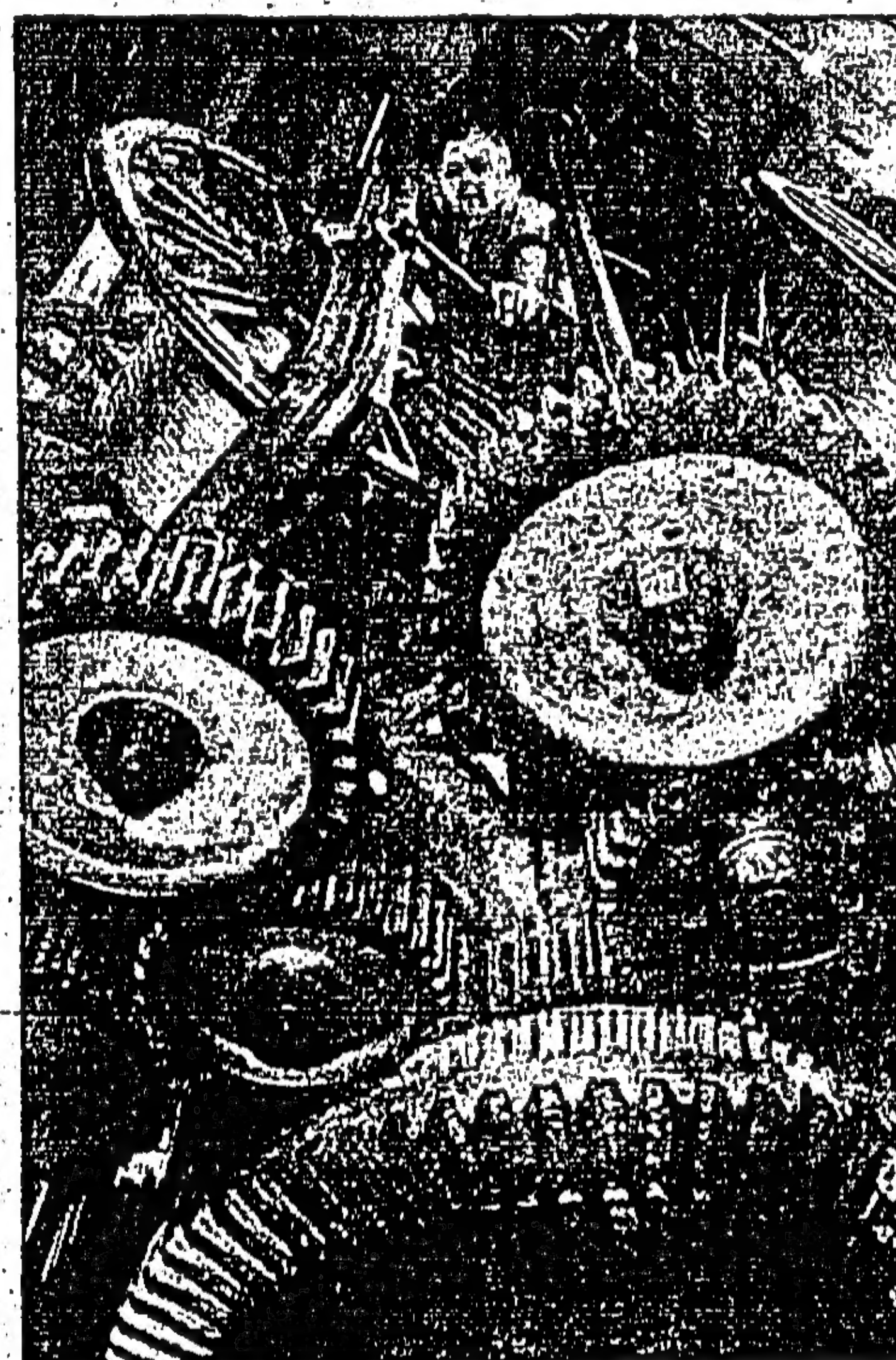
**IT'LL COME AGAIN**—Carl Kreig, six, has been visiting with relatives in Norway since last Christmas. When he arrived back in New York, he expected to find his home town on Staten Island in the same snowy state it was in when he left. He was well prepared for snow, too.



**WHEN DO WE EAT?**—After flying to New York from London, these two Siamese kittens had healthy appetites. They were given a hasty snack in their specially built cage before continuing the long journey to Dallas, Texas, where they will make their home in the future.



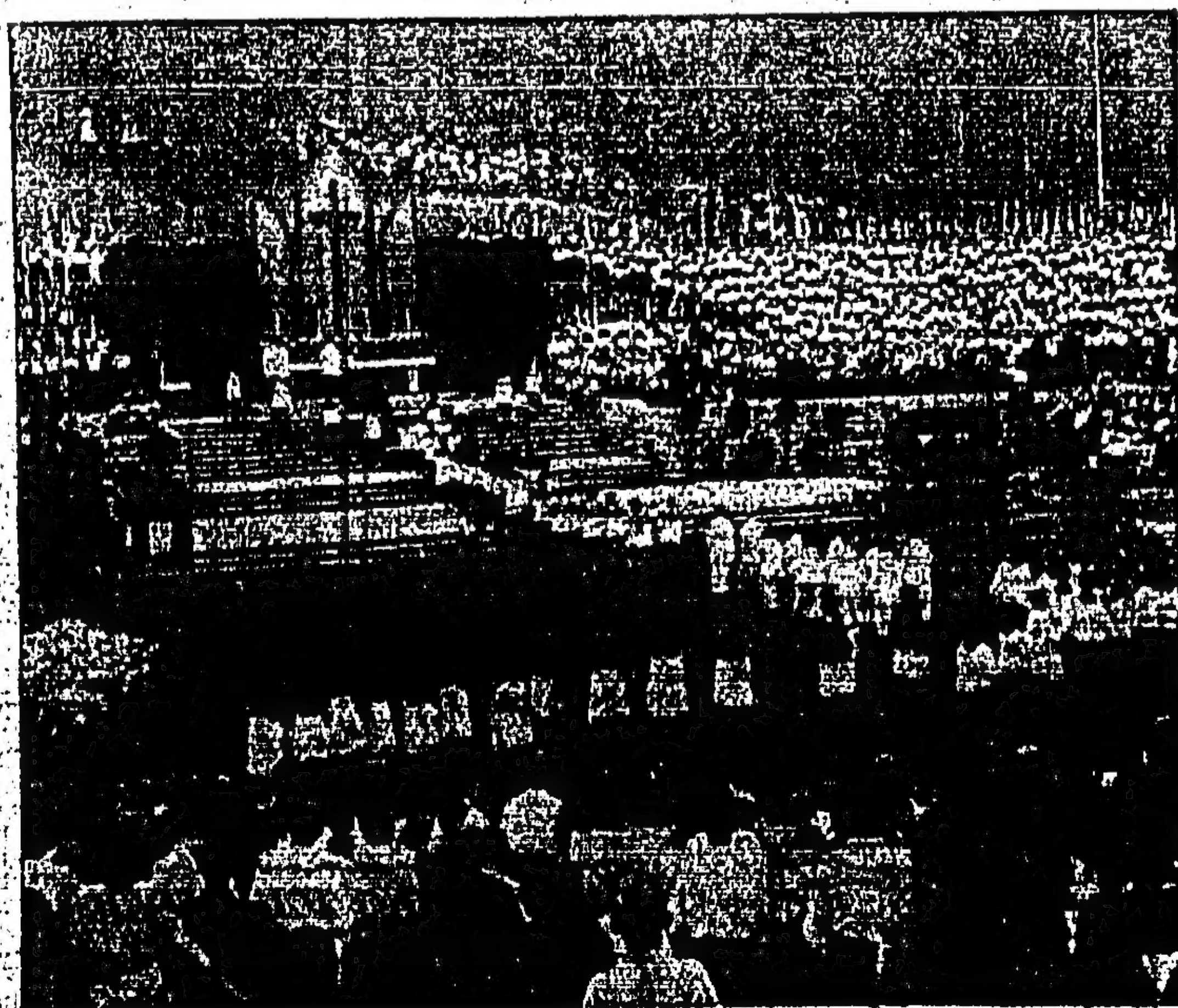
**FASHIONS ON WHEELS**—French actress Paulette Goddard and her six-year-old daughter, Christine, take to their wheels in Paris in chic mother-daughter costumes. They are done in crisp white linen with apron drapery and bodice trim in flowered linen.



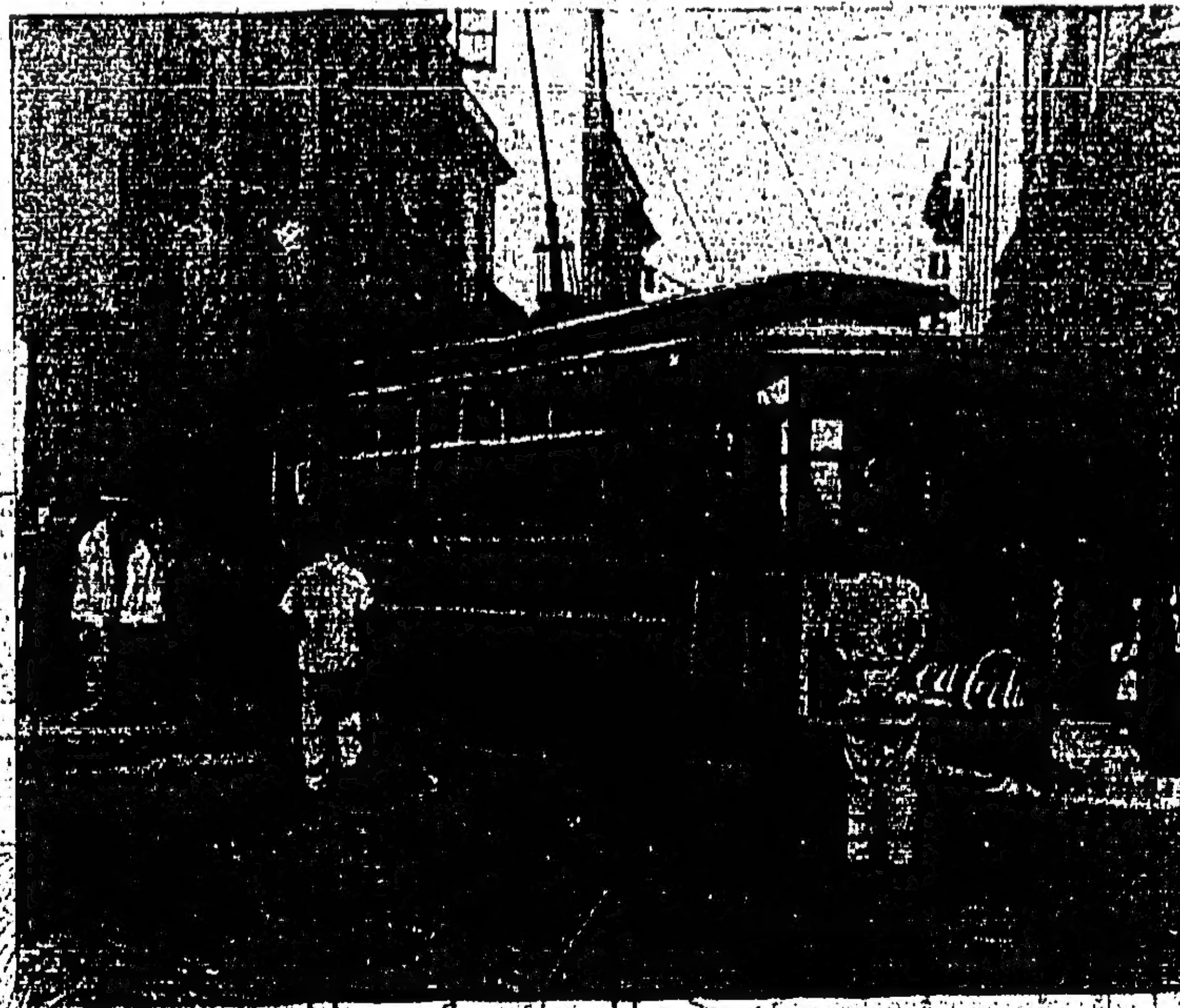
**HIGH PERCH**—Stephen Sivy, of Trenton, New Jersey, is just a tiny spot amid the wheels of this machine, but he's its guiding spirit. The 10-ton vertical layer machine is making 20 miles of wire rope for elevators in the 39-storey UN Secretariat building in New York.



**A LOT OF GOVERNORS**—Gophers and grasshoppers have taken over again where four governors shook hands across state lines to celebrate "Good Neighbour Day." Left to right, Governors Dan Garvey, Arizona; J. Bracken Lee, Utah; Lee Knous, Colorado; and Thomas J. Mabry, New Mexico, met in the only four-state meeting place in the States, pledging to unite in developing the area.



**CARDINAL CELEBRATES MASS IN BERLIN**—Konrad Cardinal Von Preysing, Primate of Berlin, descends to the altar with 400 acolytes to celebrate Mass in the Olympie Waldbuehne Amphitheatre in honour of Pope Pius XII's Golden Jubilee as a priest. A recorded message, made in German by the Pope, followed the Mass.



**MUST BE FEATHERWEIGHT**—The force of a collision knocked this trolley off its tracks in Havana, Cuba. The other vehicle was nothing heavier than a standard car. Neither trolley nor car was badly damaged, but traffic on the street was tied up for half the day.



**ON INSPECTION TOUR**—U Hla Maung, Burmese Ambassador to Siam, left, and General Bo Ne Win, Minister of Defence of Burma, visit the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. They will make unofficial visits to Detroit and Washington before returning to Burma, where General Win commands the army.



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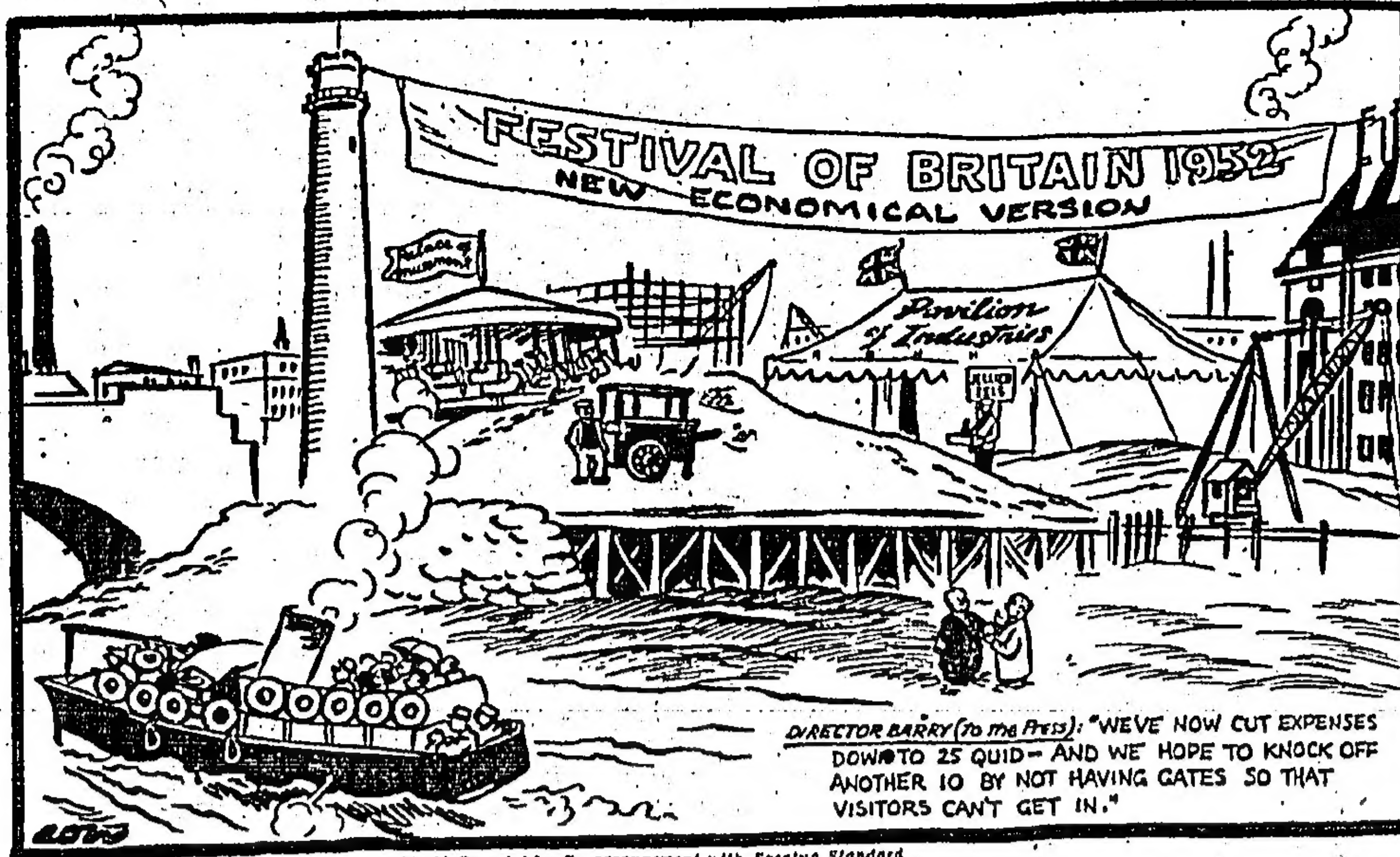


OPENS TO-MORROW! "THE MIGHTY MCGURK" with Wallace Beery—Dean Stockwell

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"DON'T TRUST YOUR HUSBAND"



## HUSH! NOBODY TALKS ABOUT THE BILL

CHARLES WINTOUR, in his second article on Herbert Morrison's "multi-million-pound baby," adds up the cost for the taxpayer.

EVERY large International Exhibition held in the last 50 years, almost without exception, has run at a loss. There is no reason to believe that the Festival of Britain, by ducking the name of international exhibition, will prove an exception.

Detailed estimates for the Festival will be presented to Parliament next session. Meanwhile it is necessary to construct the Festival Budget from the few hints and clues which have so far been dropped.

What are the liabilities of the London ratepayer? No one will pay more heavily for the Festival than the citizens of this capital.

Parliament has already passed the Festival of Britain (Public Works) Act. Since the average daily attendance has been estimated by the Festival authorities at about 50,000, rising to 100,000 at week-ends and Bank Holidays, the works required are both extensive and expensive.

IN fact, no fewer than seven approaches to the Exhibition are being built, all of which will cost a lot of money. Here is the list:

1.—By footbridge: There will be a Bailey bridge footbridge over the Thames from Charing Cross Underground and another over York Road from Waterloo main line station (cost estimated at £130,000); an extension to the existing Hungerford footbridge will cost another £28,000.

2.—By direct escalator from Waterloo Station: (Cost of improvements at Charing Cross and Waterloo will be £150,000 and £300,000 respectively.)

3.—By bus: Buses will set passengers down in York Road. (Two roundabout schemes and the widening of York Road to take four lines of traffic, the widening of Addison Street and other work will cost altogether £420,000.)

4.—By tramcar: These will set down passengers in Westminster Bridge Road, Waterloo Road and Lambeth Palace Road. (Resurfacing of tramway round the roundabout, £40,000.)

5.—By car: Thirteen parking places for some 4,000 cars will be provided at a cost of £500,000.

6.—By coach: Visitors will not be allowed near the Exhibition in coaches, but a special eight-acre parking space, with refreshment facilities, is being provided near the Tube station at Clapham Common. Another coach park may be provided north of the Thames. (Cost unknown.)

7.—By waterbus: A plan is being studied for conveying about 4,000 visitors an hour to the exhibition by waterbuses. (Cost of landing stages and piers unknown.)

How much of these expenses will be met by the ratepayers, how much by the Transport Commission?

The principle is that if the work is a permanent improvement, the authority concerned will get no special grants.

Only where expenditure on part of the project is not of "permanent advantage to the body concerned" will the cost be met from public funds (i.e., by the taxpayer generally).

Thus the Transport Commission are compelled to undertake both alterations and new construction which they would never have considered undertaking at the present time.

But they will get no grant. The same applies to the LCC. Most of these complicated roundabouts and piers may be said to have some sort of use in the future, although in the present state of the LCC finances no one would have suggested putting them into practice for 50 years or more. But they get no special grant.

HOW much of the work, then, will be considered to have permanent value? Mr. Morrison says: "Perhaps a half." In addition, road improvement schemes will only get the ordinary grant.

From this it appears that the ratepayers may have to find something like £850,000 in all, the taxpayers £250,000 and the Transport Commission the remaining £600,000.

But there will be many bitter wrangles between the LCC, the Transport Commission and the Treasury before final figures are agreed.

**IN THE RED**  
Nearly all big exhibitions lose money.  
Here are some notable examples:

Exhibition	Attendance	Cost	Gain or loss
1851 LONDON	6,039,195	£272,794	£186,000 (gain)
1900 PARIS	39,000,000	£4,660,000	£81,751 (loss)
1924 WEMBLEY	27,102,498	£4,196,840	£1,581,905 (loss)
1917 PARIS	21,000,000	£9,822,449	£3,845,000 (loss)
1918 GLASGOW	12,593,232	£1,282,206	£118,691 (loss)
1919 NEW YORK	44,000,000	£38,750,000	£4,500,000 (loss)
1951 LONDON	10,000,000	£12,000,000	?

The whole building is being constructed on the most lavish scale: the main hall will seat over 3,000 people; there will be an exhibition gallery, two restaurants seating 700 people, a spacious central foyer which can be used independently for receptions and dances.

The promenades will have refreshment facilities so that if necessary a diet of 100 concrete river will feed in granite which will reclaim some 4½ acres of land.

A further £750,000 will be required for the 1,700-foot concrete river will feed in granite which will reclaim some 4½ acres of land.

So the total cost of the South Bank scheme is now put at £2,073,585.

Finally, the ratepayer must meet a major part of the cost of the "live architectural exhibition" in the Poplar-Stipney area.

THIS is planned to be a cross-section of a residential neighbourhood containing houses, shops, community centre, nursery schools, "street furniture" (whatever that may be), open spaces, light industry, and perhaps a church and pub.

This will mostly comprise normal LCC housing activities, but considerable extra expense will be involved in preparing the exhibition on time and also in making special contracts for half-completed houses.

Why a half-completed house should be considered more alive than one which is occupied is something which only the Festival staff can answer.

The ratepayer will also pay for some part of the Festival fun fair in Battersea Park.

You Pay Your Penny And  
Take Your Choice:

## New Era Of The Slot Machine

A NEW era of coin-in-the-slot machine trading and recreation is dawning in Britain now that certain materials for the manufacture of new models are becoming unrestricted.

Not only are firms at present busily engaged on renovating machines which have stood idle for 10 years hoping for good dividends, but they are looking forward to richer rewards when new models become available such as those now popular in America, where almost anything can be bought on a nickel-in-the-slot basis, including roast beef and two veg., bread and cheese, ice-cream and coffee.

Shoppers who are not too choosy will be able to buy shirts, ties, handkerchiefs, books and silk stockings from the new models, or watch a miniature cinema show at installations in cafes, saloons and travel terminals.

THERE are machines yielding threatening letters to send to creditors, accident insurance policies valid for 24 hours, and intelligence tests which give an intelligence quotient based on answers to questions.

The automatic weighing machine still holds unflinching popularity. The first to appear at any seaside resort was installed at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, in the late 60's, when Daniel Rogers persuaded an amused Town Council to allow him to set up one on the seaford.

It was so inconceivable to them that anyone should want to pay a penny to know his weight that they gave him a site rent free. His takings were so startling that when Rogers sought permission to continue the next year, the Council demanded a stiff rent. Rogers refused to pay it, but others saw the immense profits to be made out of this machine and soon they were to be found on the promenade of every resort.

THEN came the London dairy firm enterprise of delivering penny-in-the-slot milk from machines fixed on the dairy doors, but in 1938 a group of model dwellings in Southwark boasted a much superior gadget.

It was a street lamp with a standard holding about 25 gallons of water, a trickle of which passed over the lamp's flame, became steam and was used to boil water held in a smaller tank. Passers-by who wanted a hot drink could obtain a cupful of water for a half penny in the slot. A penny in another slot added a tablet of tea or cocoa mixed with sugar and condensed milk, the whole process taking about three minutes to prepare.

More recently, a slot machine on a railway station in Copenhagen, Denmark, gives access to a typewriter, complete with stationery, carbon paper, stamps and envelopes for a few small coins.

THE earliest suppliers of tobacco from machines were London coffee houses in 1820. Their automata were jar-shaped and supplied a pipeful of tobacco for a penny.

The original coin-in-the-slot machine, however, dates back thousands of years to Hero of Alexandria, who invented a device for distributing holy water when a five-drachma piece was inserted. This was about 150 years B.C.

The first penny-in-the-slot insurance policy appeared in Germany in 1910, but American Paul Sanborn was the first to arrange for his policy-holders to pay their premiums into his slot machines, which issued receipts. This freed him to canvas for new business.

Now consider the cost of the taxpayer. No estimates have been published of the total cost of the exhibition, although everyone has made the usual mumbling sounds about the need for economy. Preparatory work for the exhibition is costing £289,923 this year. Later the pavilions must be erected and staffed, the exhibits must be designed, constructed, collected and arranged. And adequate publicity must be given to the Festival.

Then there is the cost of the two travelling exhibitions; the aircraft carrier, Campania, will probably be converted into a floating exhibition, although there is still some doubt about this.

Arrangements for the reception of the travelling exhibitions must be made in all the cities which they will visit.

There is the cost of the science exhibition in Kensington, and the technology exhibition in Glasgow. These will all require several millions more.

Mr. Bottomley replied that the total of overseas visitors may reach the 700,000 mark by 1951, compared with just over 500,000 in 1948.

But the Travel Association have already estimated that 950,000 overseas visitors will come here this year. Since a further natural increase would be expected in 1950 and 1951, it

(Continued on Page 5)

POCKET CARTOON  
by OSBERT LANCASTER



But, says, 'darling, if we were nationalised it wouldn't matter how much money we lost, and no one would dream of cutting our salaries, you see, all be civil servants!'

NANCY Swing Shift



By Ernie Bushmiller



"WHITE KING" TOILET SOAP  
for BEAUTY!













# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

# FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

## MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Shrewd Play Here  
Holds Down Losers

♠ 73	♠ 10	♠ 9	♠ 8	♠ 7	♠ 6	♠ 5	♠ 4	♠ 3	♠ 2	♠ A
♣ 10	♣ 9	♣ 8	♣ 7	♣ 6	♣ 5	♣ 4	♣ 3	♣ 2	♣ A	♣ K
♦ 10	♦ 9	♦ 8	♦ 7	♦ 6	♦ 5	♦ 4	♦ 3	♦ 2	♦ A	♦ K
♥ 10	♥ 9	♥ 8	♥ 7	♥ 6	♥ 5	♥ 4	♥ 3	♥ 2	♥ A	♥ K

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

I HAD the pleasure recently of discussing English bridge with Michael D. L. Scott. Before the war Scott operated the Kensington Palace Mansions in London, in which the Kensington Bridge Club with its 1,000 members was located. He is now making his home and working in the U.S.

Scott thinks international bridge will soon be local bridge with aeroplane travel. He ought to know, as he was a member of the British Royal Air Force and was a pilot in the Battle of Britain.

Only the stubbornness of Scott's partner in today's hand got him into the wrong contract—but fortunately, his play brought it home.

"In America," said Mr. Scott, "different groups in every city have their own bidding conventions, but in Europe players are too 'stubborn' to change their bidding habits." He doubted that many Americans would have doubled with the West hand, but his partner insisted that a double of the heart showed a strong spade suit. Scott did claim, however, that Europeans are on a par with Americans on the play of the cards, and I think you will agree that today's hand was well played.

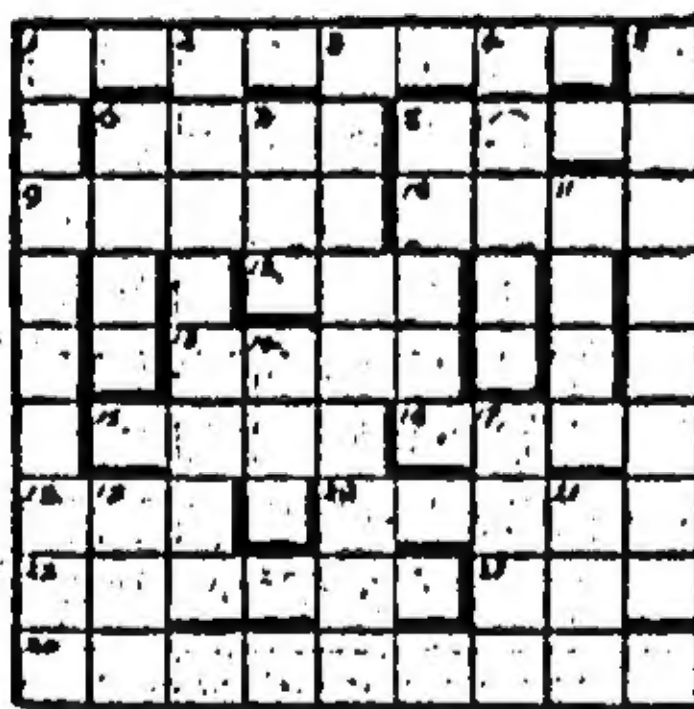
Declarer won the opening lead of the five of hearts with the ace. He did not try to ruff out the hearts, but led a diamond immediately. South won with the ace and returned a heart which was ruffed in dummy. Next West cashed dummy's queen, Jack and nine of diamonds, letting the opponents ruff the fourth diamond, but declarer had discarded two losing clubs, thus holding his losers to a club, a diamond and a ruff.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. Which is hotter, red hot or white hot?
2. What is aniline used for?
3. Locate Britain Honduras.
4. Why is Tweed (woollen fabric) so called?
5. What is "Venus Fly-trap"?
6. Which condiment is used most?

(Answers in Column 4)

## CROSSWORD



1. Both the cat and the dog show good examples of it. (8)
2. If it is not beaten, (4)
3. A warlike horse. (4)
4. Notes for his contest with Hector. (4)
5. I've just a label. (3)
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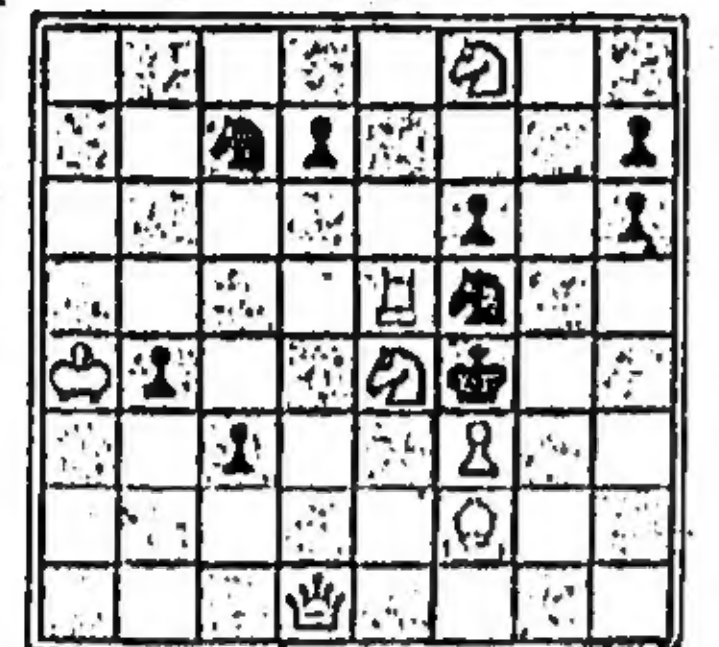
## DUMB BELLS

IM GOING TO BUY ONE OF THOSE AND START TAKING OFF SOME WEIGHT!



## CHESS PROBLEM

By L. KNOTER  
Black, 9 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Kt-K5, any; 2. Q, or Kt (ch, or ch) ch, or ch ch, or ch ch.

## BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

### Knarf Saw a Strange Animal

By MAX TRELL

"HELLO," said Knarf, the shadow, to the rather strange-looking animal standing in the path in front of him. The animal was wearing a long grey fur coat that hung down to the ground. It seemed to be much too big for him. He looked at Knarf and nodded.

"Lo," he answered. He looked Knarf up and down. "Where's your fur coat?"

"I haven't got a fur coat," said Knarf. "Anyway, it's too warm for a fur coat. I haven't seen you before."

Knarf said, thinking it better to talk about something else. "You couldn't see me before. I've never been here before. Knock-knock. (He must be laughing.) Knarf thought to himself, 'I've just moved into this neighbourhood. I mean,' he added, 'I'm about to move into this neighbourhood—if I like it. And I don't think I will. Where's the pond? I like to be near a pond.'"



Knarf saw the strange animal sitting on a stone.

about the brook and the pools, he stopped. "Might do," he said; "might do."

"What's your name?" Knarf asked as they both walked in the direction of the brook and its pools.

"I haven't got a name. Can't be bothered with a name. I've got enough things to think about without having to think about a name."

"But what are you? I mean, what kind of an animal?" "Now let me see," said the animal, stopping and thinking. "I'm not a rabbit, am I?"

"No," said Knarf. "You're not a rabbit."

"It certainly is a lot of trouble thinking what I am. Am I a squirrel?"

"I'm... a skunk? A mole? I might be a mole," he said. Knarf shook his head.

At this moment Chirp Sparrow, who happened to be flying overhead, called down: "Hello Knarf! Hello Knarf!"

Knarf exclaimed to the animal: "He called you Racky!"

"Racky! Oh! Now I remember! I'm raccoon!"

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## Rupert's Queer Path—20



Rupert watches his pet anxiously. "Why don't you go on?" he asks. Bill is still looking at his shoes. "I can't move them," he says. "My feet are stuck fast." Edging past the bushes, Rupert hurries to his side. "I see what it is," he cries. "There are different kinds of things in different shoes. Oh, dear, I told you not to go on the path. You always were a noodle!" He grabs Bill's arm and pulls hard. The shoes don't move, but at length Bill wriggles his feet out and he topples into the shrubbery.

## BRONCHO BILL



## Itchy Finger



## SCIENCE AT WORK

### PLUTO MAY ONCE HAVE BEEN A MOON

By PAUL F. ELLIS

PLUTO, now identified in the solar system as a planet, may once have been a moon, circling around Neptune.

The possibility that the small planet may have changed its place in the universe has been raised by Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper, University of Chicago astronomer, who has just announced the discovery of a 30th moon in the solar system.

Kuiper said studies are under way to determine whether Pluto started its life as a third moon to Neptune and was ejected in a great cosmic upheaval.

The same upheaval also may have caused the "backward" motion of Triton, first satellite to Neptune. The new moon, however, has the same motion as Neptune and the studies may show why Triton made a swing in the opposite direction of Neptune.

Earlier this year, Dr. Kuiper announced the possible discovery of the new Neptune moon after observations at McDonald Observatory.

The new moon is 5,000,000 miles from Neptune and 3,000,000 miles from Earth. It is so small that perhaps the 200-inch "big eye" at Mount Palomar would not pick it up.

Dr. Kuiper estimates that the moon is 250,000 times fainter than the faintest star visible with the naked eye.

The satellite is believed to be only 200 miles in diameter, 15 times smaller and 250 times fainter than the first satellite, Triton, which was discovered in 1944. Its magnitude of 19.5 degrees makes it the faintest moon to date.

Dr. Kuiper's observations with the 22-inch reflecting telescope at McDonald Observatory show that the new moon, moving in nearly the same plane as Neptune, requires two years to complete its cycle. The Earth's moon completes its orbit in one month.

"The direction of motion of the new satellite is particularly important, for it is in reverse to that of Triton," Dr. Kuiper says. "We hope in further studies to learn more about the catalysis that made Triton swing in the opposite direction of Neptune. Studies may also determine whether Pluto started its life as a third satellite to Neptune and was ejected in the upheaval that caused Triton to move in a reverse direction to its planet."

Dr. Kuiper said the name of the new moon will be announced later.

(Tomorrow—Book Parade)

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. White hot. 2. A coal tar product used in dyeing. 3. It is in the north eastern part of Central America. 4. It was woven originally in the valley of Tweed, 5. An insectivorous plant. 6. Salt.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

BORN today, you are very ambitious to succeed in life and will work hard to secure what you want. You enjoy power and since these boys money often means power, you intend to have it so that you can do exactly what you wish with your life. It is this ego-centric, then it is only what most successful people are. Learn not to scatter your interests too widely.

You are very reserved and make friends slowly. But once someone has been accepted into the circle of your intimates, it is usually for life. Your loyalty is outstanding. You might become an over-zealous person were it not for your keen sense of humour. But you are always able to see the amusing side of everything and if you cultivated your talent for art or literature, you might become a satirist.

You women, particularly, are fond of society and offers you gaiety and a lively time. Your energies need some outlet and unless you cultivate some career, you are apt to "take up society" in a serious way! Fond of beautiful clothes, you must guard against becoming vain.

You are quite emotional and much too inclined to act on impulse. While this may work out in business—since you are willing to take risks others will not—you must curb this characteristic in your personal life. This is especially true in marriage. The selection of a life partner can make or mar your career!

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Be alert for action if changes necessitate a business journey. Something good should come of it all!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Be alert to new opportunities. Unexpected changes brought about by travelling may change your outlook.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Combine business and pleasure with excellent results. Make or receive a marriage proposal, perhaps.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Changes are in store for you. A journey may bring a new and exciting romance your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—New friendships can bring you a new and exciting outlook on life. An adventure during a journey!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Make sure that you know your own mind when it comes to love and romance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—The social moieties with all obligations should be adhered to today. Anticipate excellent results.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Love, romance and marriage are all in the scheme of things right now. Today can bring exceptional happiness.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Be guarded in your emotional attachments. The real thing can prove exciting and important to your future plans.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—A really new and exciting outlook. Bewildered by a change, especially if it involves a new romance.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Gehnu may be born in you, but there is need for taking advantage of every opportunity as well.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't expect too much when it comes to coupling business profits. Love, however, can prove rewarding.

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE irrepressible desire for what is called progress is admirably illustrated by the small community in West Virginia, which has changed its name from Moie Hill to Mountain.

## "Chez Foulencourt"

HAGGARD, humiliated, enraged, the gentleman touched the corner of his neatly folded bill as though it were about to sting him—as, indeed, it was. Vita Brevis pretended not to be noticing what was going on. Scarcely repressing a groan of agony, the gentleman read the figures—£14 14s. 6d. He hastily swallowed a glass of Napoleon (alias Rhodesian) brandy and straightened his shoulders. At that moment Captain Foulencourt approached the table. Vita gave an imitation of a cry of delight. Never had she been so cordial to him. Her eyes seemed to say that she at last loved him. The gentleman began to hope. He had heard of propitiating signing bills for their favourite clients. He became fulsomely friendly. Foulencourt's hand went to his waistcoat pocket! Was he about to produce the magic pencil? No fear! Smiling insolently into Vita's eyes, he moved away, leaving the lady inarticulate with anger and the gentleman sick with shame and misery.

## The Macaroon objects

DEAR Sir, I can take a joke. But I do not think the Edinburgh Festival is a fitting subject for horseplay. Does it not occur to you that a foreigner, reading that three Persian mountebanks want to perform at the Festival, may get a wrong idea of the whole thing, and of Edinburgh? Or are you trying to capture the vulgar applause of the illiterate by suggesting that secess, and all it connotes, is a good background for great acting and great music? You may think I am being over-ponderous in this matter, but I know how easy it is today to pander to the masses.

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(London Express Service)

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Exports to the United States were put provisionally at £3,800,000, compared with the April-June average of £3,300,000 and the June figure of £3,000,000.

The provisional figure for Canada was £670,000—just above the April-June average.

The Board confirmed its earlier provisional estimate that Britain's adverse trade balance fell by over £13,000,000 in July from the June figure of £54,200,000.—Reuter.

## UK Crisis A Threat To Socialism

New York, Aug. 22.—The Wall Street Journal said today that Britain's financial crisis did not threaten the United Kingdom with collapse.

What really was threatened was the collapse of the Socialist structure "which is misusing the great intelligence of the British nation," an editorial said.

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## NEW STERLING AGREEMENT FOR CEYLON

### Able To Draw Twice As Much As Last Year

London, Aug. 22.—Ceylon will be able to draw twice as much as last year from her sterling balances under the renewed sterling balance agreement with Britain, which was published today.

The agreement covers the 12 months ending June 30, 1950. It will enable Ceylon to draw \$7,000,000 instead of the \$3,500,000 she drew in the preceding 12 months.

The extra sum will be necessary because of the fall both in the export prices of Ceylon commodities—mainly rubber and tea—and in the demand for them, officials here stated.

In addition, Treasury statement disclosed that the "Ceylon Government continue to have the right, in the event of a substantial unforeseen rise in the price of essential foodstuffs, unbalanced by other sources of income, to call for consultation, for an addition of £1,000,000 to the working balance."

The amount in Ceylon's number one account (the one from which she can spend her sterling) is understood to amount to about £9,000,000 at present.

Since Ceylon has agreed to keep a "working balance" of £4,000,000 in the bank, the addition of £7,000,000 will give her a spendable amount of about £12,000,000 over and above her earnings—in the 12 months ending next June.

£45m. BALANCE  
Today's Treasury statement said that when the Ceylon Government establishes a Ceylon Central Bank, the operation of the Ceylon number two account (the unspendable balance) will be transferred to the new central bank. The balance in the number two account is understood to be about £45,000,000 at present.

Ceylon is the only self-governing member of the sterling area which makes a net contribution to the area's gold and dollar pool.

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